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# BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Docket No. R2015-4

NOTICE OF REVISIONS TO
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
NOTICE OF MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE ADJUSTMENT,
ATTACHMENTS A AND D -- ERRATA
(February 6, 2015)

On January 15, 2015, the Postal Service filed its notice of market dominant price adjustments in this docket. Revisions to Attachment A (Mail Classification Schedule - MCS) were filed on February 4, 2015. The Postal Service has identified several more revisions to Attachment A, and a small correction to Attachment D (Proposed 2015 Promotions Calendar). The Postal Service therefore is filing the following revisions to the MCS.

#### **Bound Printed Matter Flats Price Corrections**

Per-piece prices for Bound Printed Matter Flats Presorted Non-FSS Other than Destination Entry are corrected, to match the correct prices that were used in the Package Services workpapers (USPS-LR-R2015-4/4). See page 73 of Attachment A.

## **Special Services Revisions**

In responding to Chairman's Information Request No. 3, Question 6(e), and Chairman's Information Request No. 4, Question 4 (both filed February 5, 2015), the Postal Service announced that it was withdrawing its proposals to establish a late fee

for Address Correction Service payment, to split the permit fee groupings for First-Class Mail Parcels and First-Class Package Service, and to move the Parcel Select Lightweight permit fee from Standard Mail to Parcel Select. Attachment A is revised to restore the MCS to current language, without these proposals, as shown on pages 86 through 89 of Attachment A.

## Changes to Exigent MCS (Attachment A, Part II)

Conforming changes are made to the Exigent price version of the MCS (Attachment A, Part II), reflecting the proposal withdrawals described above.

#### Correction to Attachment D

The end date for the Color Transpromo promotion was misstated on page 2 of Attachment D. The date is corrected to November 30.

Copies of the revised pages for Attachment A, Parts I (CPI) and II (Exigent), and Attachment D, to the Notice are attached to this pleading. Changes are highlighted in yellow, except that underlined language from January 15 relating to the withdrawn proposals is simply removed.

Respectfully submitted,

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# REVISED PAGES FOR CPI MCS ATTACHMENT A – PART I

## b. Non-FSS

## 1. Destination Entry<sup>1</sup>

	DDU (\$)	DSCF (\$)	DFSS (\$)	DNDC Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
Per Piece	0.490	0.658	0.629	1.125	1.125	1.125	1.125
Per Pound	0.019	0.035	0.040	0.062	0.069	0.124	0.186

# 2. Other Than Destination Entry

	Zones Local 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zones 8 & 9
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Per Piece	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241
Per Pound	0.135	0.143	0.194	0.247	0.316	0.357	0.480

#### **Notes**

- 1. DDU price is not available for presorted flats that weigh 1 pound or less.
- 2. <u>DFSS prices apply to FSS Scheme Bundles entered on scheme containers at the DFSS. FSS Scheme Bundles entered on non-scheme containers at the DFSS pay the DSCF prices.</u>

1505 Ancillary Services

1505.1 Address Correction Service

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## 1505.1.2 Prices

	(\$)
Manual correction, each	
First-Class Mail piece, on-piece correction only	0.00
Other	0.57
Electronic correction, each	
First-Class Mail piece	0.12
Other	0.31
Automated correction (Letters Only)	
First-Class Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	0.05
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	0.12
Standard Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	0.08
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	0.25
Full-service correction, each	0.00

## 1505.2 Applications and Mailing Permits

#### 1505.2.1 Description

Payment of an application, mailing, or permit fee is required to mail certain products. Many of the fees apply at the class level and encompass the associated products. Fees that apply to particular special services are included in the price schedules for those special services.

#### First-Class Mail/First-Class Package Service

A mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period at each office of mailing by any person who mails at the presorted or automation prices, except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service price.

## Standard Mail/Parcel Select Lightweight

A mailing fee must be paid each 12-month period for each permit used to mail Standard Mail or Parcel Select Lightweight pieces, except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings.

#### Periodicals

Each authorized Periodicals publication must pay the application fee for one original entry authorization at the Post Office where the office of publication is maintained. A re-entry application fee must be paid whenever the publisher changes the publication's title, frequency of issue, office of original entry, or qualification category. Prior to entering Nonprofit, Classroom, and Science of Agriculture Periodicals mail, a publication must obtain an additional Postal Service entry authorization to mail at those prices. Periodicals mail may be entered only by publishers or registered news agents. A news agent is a person or concern engaged in distributing two or more Periodicals publications published by more than one publisher. News agents must register at each Post Office at which they enter Periodicals mail, and pay the appropriate application fee.

#### Package Services Mail

A mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period to mail at any destination entry Bound Printed Matter price, except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings. A separate mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period to mail at any Media Mail presorted or Library Mail presorted price.

#### Parcel Select

A mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period for Parcel Select (except for Parcel Select Lightweight) matter entered at a DDU, DSCF, or DNDC price.

## Parcel Return Services

A Return Services permit mailing-fee must be paid once each 12-month period by mailers using Merchandise Return Service, or Parcel Return Service. In addition, the permit holder must pay an account maintenance fee once each 12-month period for each advance deposit account. The Return Services permit and account maintenance fees do not apply to mailers who use the Postal Service to mail non-returns (outbound) parcel-shaped mail using a permit account.

#### Permit Imprint Application

- a. A fee is charged for application to use a permit imprint as a method of payment.
- This fee does not apply to mailers using the Electronic Verification System (eVS) or Electronic Manifesting Solution for Parcels (EMSS) payment methods.

## 1505.2.2 Prices

	(\$)
First-Class Mail/First-Class Package Service Presort Mailing Fee (per year)	215.00
Standard Mail/Parcel Select Lightweight Mailing Fee (per year)	215.00
Periodicals Application Fees (one-time only for each)	
A. Original Entry	685.00
B. Re-entry	75.00
C. Registration for News Agents	75.00
Bound Printed Matter: Destination Entry Mailing Fee (per year)	215.00
Media Mail Presorted Mailing Fee (per year)	215.00
Library Mail Presorted Mailing Fee (per year)	215.00
Parcel Select: Destination Entry Mailing Fee (per year)	215.00
Parcel Return Services Account Maintenance Fee (per year)	670.00
Parcel Return Services Permit Mailing Fee (per year)	215.00
Application to Use Permit Imprint (one-time only)	215.00

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# REVISED PAGES FOR EXIGENT MCS ATTACHMENT A – PART II

1505 Ancillary Services

1505.1 Address Correction Service

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## 1505.1.2 Prices

	(\$)
Manual correction, each	
First-Class Mail piece, on-piece correction only	0.00
Other	0.59
Electronic correction, each	
First-Class Mail piece	0.12
Other	0.32
Automated correction (Letters Only)	
First-Class Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	0.05
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	0.12
Standard Mail piece	
First two notices, for a given address change, each	0.08
Additional notices, for a given address change, each	0.26
Full-service correction, each	0.00

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#### First-Class Mail/First-Class Package Service

A mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period at each office of mailing by any person who mails at the presorted or automation prices, except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings. Payment of the fee allows the mailer to mail at any First-Class Mail or First-Class Package Service price.

## Standard Mail/Parcel Select Lightweight

A mailing fee must be paid each 12-month period for each permit used to mail Standard Mail or Parcel Select Lightweight pieces, except for qualifying Full-service Intelligent Mail barcode mailings.

#### Periodicals

Each authorized Periodicals publication must pay the application fee for one original entry authorization at the Post Office where the office of publication is maintained. A re-entry application fee must be paid whenever the publisher changes the publication's title, frequency of issue, office of original entry, or qualification category. Prior to entering Nonprofit, Classroom, and Science of Agriculture Periodicals mail, a publication must obtain an additional Postal Service entry authorization to mail at those prices. Periodicals mail may be entered only by publishers or registered news agents. A news agent is a person or concern engaged in distributing two or more Periodicals publications published by more than one publisher. News agents must register at each Post Office at which they enter Periodicals mail, and pay the appropriate application fee.

#### Package Services Mail

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#### Parcel Select

A mailing fee must be paid once each 12-month period for Parcel Select (except for Parcel Select Lightweight) matter entered at a DDU, DSCF, or DNDC price.

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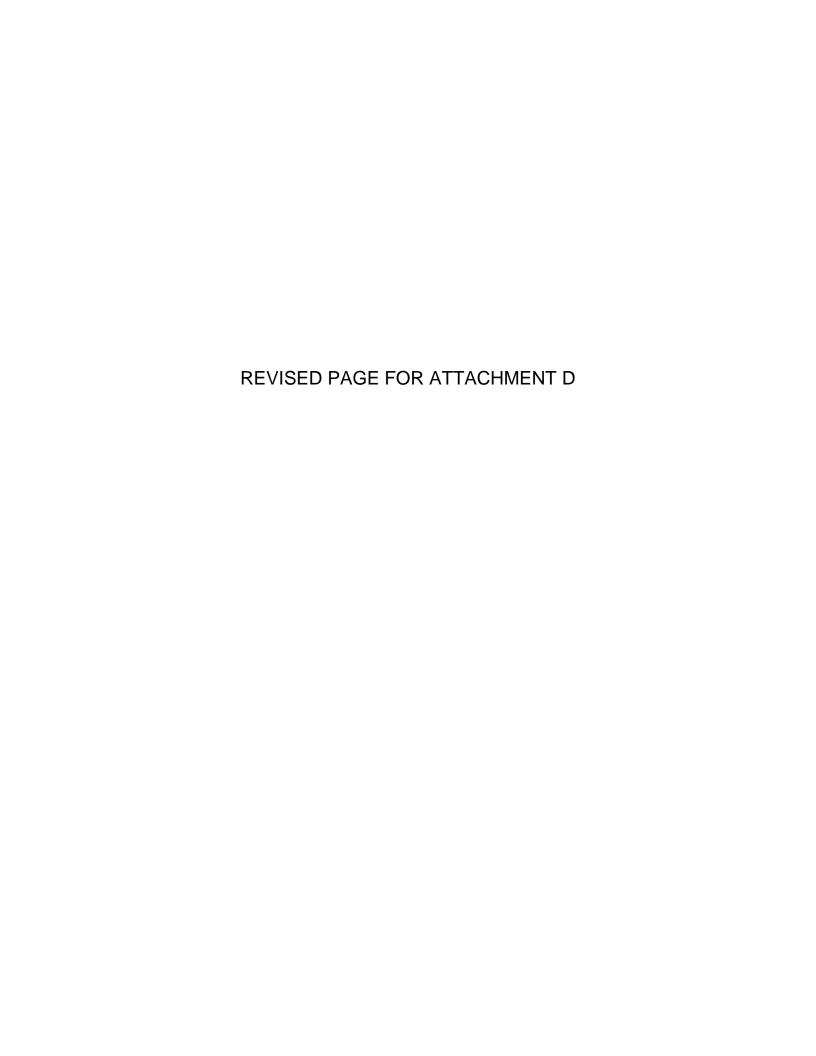
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## 1505.2.2 Prices

	(\$)
First-Class Mail/First-Class Package Service Presort Mailing Fee (per year)	225.00
Standard Mail/Parcel Select Lightweight Mailing Fee (per year)	225.00
Periodicals Application Fees (one-time only for each)	
A. Original Entry	715.00
B. Re-entry	80.00
C. Registration for News Agents	80.00
Bound Printed Matter: Destination Entry Mailing Fee (per year)	225.00
Media Mail Presorted Mailing Fee (per year)	225.00
Library Mail Presorted Mailing Fee (per year)	225.00
Parcel Select: Destination Entry Mailing Fee (per year)	225.00
Parcel Return Services Account Maintenance Fee (per year)	700.00
Parcel Return Services Permit Mailing Fee (per year)	225.00
Application to Use Permit Imprint (one-time only)	225.00

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Mailing Date	Mail must have been accepted during the promotion period, June 1-Nov. 30,
	2015.
Postage Payment	Permit Imprint, Precanceled Stamp Permit and some Meter Mailings
eDoc	Mailings must be submitted electronically via Postal Wizard, Mail.dat or
	Mail.XML. The eDoc must identify the mail owner and mail preparer in the
	By/For fields by Customer Registration ID (CRID)
Commingled Mail	First-Class Mail commingled, combined and co-mail mailings may only qualify
	for the promotion if all of the pieces commingled in the mailing meet program
	requirements, or; the mailings include multiple clients (or versions) but have
	separate postage statements generated for the mailpieces that meet
	promotion requirements.
Pre-Approval/	The mailer must provide a hard copy, unaddressed sample of the mailpiece that
Mailpiece Samples	demonstrates the advertising content to the acceptance clerk. If a mailing
	agent submits mailings from multiple mailers, a hard copy sample of each
	mailer's mailpiece must be presented. Alternately, mailers may mail all
	planned hardcopy samples to the Program Office for promotion compliance
	verification and if the samples meets all promotion requirements, the Program
	Office will provide a promotion specific preapproval letter. This pre-approval
	letter would be tendered to the BMA in lieu of providing a promotion compliant
	sample with each mailing. This letter is for promotion eligibility only and does
	not supersede any other requirement verifications.
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# **2015 Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion**

The 2015 Earned Value Promotion will build on the success of prior years and is intended to slow the volume decline of First-Class Mail as well as Business Reply Mail (BRM) and Courtesy Reply Mail (CRM) pieces. Mailers who register their MID information and use eligible Intelligent Mail® barcode (IMb) barcodes on their reply pieces will receive a postage credit for each mailpiece that is returned to the mailer during the promotion period. At the end of the promotion, the reply pieces will be totaled and the earned postage credit will be applied to customer Permit accounts and can be used for future mailings.

Registration Period	March 15 – April 30, 2015
Promotion Period	May 1 – July 31, 2015
Eligible Participants	Mail Owners and Mail Service Providers
Eligible Mail	Business Reply Mail and Courtesy Reply Mail
Credit Amount	\$0.02 per BRM or CRM pieces counted for first time participants
	\$0.03 per BRM and CRM pieces counted if the total number of CRM and BRM pieces
	exceed the total number of a mailer's CRM and BRM pieces counted as part of the
	2014 Earned Value promotion
Credit Expiration	December 31, 2015
Acceptance Period for	Credits will be released when the mailer agrees to their volumes when the promotion
Credits:	ends. Volumes must be accepted by September 15; otherwise the credits will be
	forfeited